

WESTERN MIAMI INDIANS AT QUAPAW AGENCY.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication and draft of a bill from the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the Western Miami Indians at Quapaw Agency, in the Indian Territory.

JANUARY 26, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior with draft of a bill for the per capita distribution of the sum of five thousand dollars to the band of Western Miami Indians at the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, with accompanying papers noted in said communication.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 26, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 24, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a draft of a bill, prepared in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, allowing a per capita payment to the Western Miami tribe of Indians at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory; the sum for distribution named in the bill is five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

The petition of the Miamies, and the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs presenting the subject, will be found herewith; and agreeably to the recommendation of the Indian Office, I respectfully request that the subject may be transmitted for the consideration of Congress.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. J. KIRKWOOD,

Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 20, 1882.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith a copy of a petition of the Western Miami tribe of Kansas Indians, at the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, in which they set forth their destitute condition, owing to the total failure of crops during the past season, and in which they request that the amount standing to their credit from the proceeds of sale of their lands in Kansas, be paid to them in cash, per capita, to relieve their pressing wants and necessities.

The said Indians now have a land fund amounting to nine thousand two hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$9,215.38), and as no portion thereof can be paid to them without legislation, I inclose herewith a draft of a bill for their relief authorizing the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), per capita, which I respectfully recommend may receive the approval of the department, and be forwarded to Congress, for the early action of that body.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

A BILL for the relief of the Western Miami Indians of Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the honorable Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to cause to be paid, in cash, per capita, to the Western Miami Indians of Kansas, in the Indian Territory, from their land fund to their credit in the United States Treasury, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in order to relieve their pressing wants and necessities, occasioned by the failure of crops during the summer and fall of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

To the HON. H. PRICE,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: The petition of the subscribers, members of Western Miami tribe of Kansas, now in the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, respectfully sheweth:

That they are in a destitute condition, owing to the total failure, the past year, of all kinds of crops, and that unless they have relief soon, many will suffer great hardship personally, and lose the greater part of their live stock; that they have a large sum of funds now in the United States Treasury, which is the proceeds of the sale of their lands in the State of Kansas, which if paid to them will afford relief from destitution and want, and prevent many from becoming public charge; that they do not ask the general government to assist them directly, but through Congress by an appropriation of moneys from their own funds.

They most earnestly pray that the honorable Commissioner cause a bill to be prepared and presented to Congress at an early day as possible for the appropriation of the sum now placed to their credit on the books of the Indian Office, to relieve the wants of the people; that at no time since their removal to the Indian Territory have they been in a more impoverished condition, and that, if their prayers are answered, they will be able to live comfortably and feed their stock, which otherwise must be sold or perish; and your petitioners will ever pray &c.

		Man.	Woman.	Boy.	Girl.	Total.
1	Peter Laffler.....	1				
2	Osker Laffler.....			1		
3	Henry A. Lafflere.....			1		
4	Maroy D. Lafflere.....				1	
5	Peter A. Lafflere.....			1		
6	Deabid F. Laffler.....			1		6
7	Charles S. Welsh.....	1				1
8	Simeon F. Geboe.....	1				1
9	Sophie V. Ronbadour.....		1			1
10	Josephine Paup.....		1			1
11	Maargret Bright.....		1			
12	John Bright.....			1		
13	Florance Bright.....				1	3
14	Rosemand Bertrand, her x mark.....		1			
15	Lizzie Bertrand.....				1	2
16	Mary L. Leonard, her x mark.....		1			
17	Novisa Geboe.....				1	2
18	George W. Leonard.....	1				
19	Charley W. Leonard.....			1		
20	Clarence W. Leonard.....			1		3
21	Mary B. Geboe.....		1			
22	Minnie M. Geboe.....				1	2
23	Lewis W. Miller.....	1				
24	John Miller.....			1		
25	Esther Miller.....				1	
26	George W. Miller.....			1		4
27	Kis-e-co-quah Bigleg, her x mark.....		1			1
28	Susan Benjman, her x mark.....		1			
	Cathrine Benjman (witness, F. Washington)				1	2
	Mary Shapp.....		1			1
	Adeline Dollar.....					
	W. T. Dollar, jr.....					
	Silver Dollar.....					
	Dora Dollar.....					

Witness, W. H. Willhoite:
 Rose Ann Sharkey.
 Mary Richardville, her x mark.
 Lizzie Palmer.